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: TO EXPUNGE FILED
: UNDER 37 CFR 1.59(b)

This is a response to the ten (10) petitions under 37 CFR 1.59(b), filed on March 10, 2010 to expunge information from the above identified application.

The decision on the petitions will be held in abeyance until allowance of the application or mailing of an *Ex parte Quayle* action or a Notice of Abandonment, at which time the petition will be decided.

Petitioner requests that items contained on 10 separate Information Disclosure Statements (IDS) be expunged from the record if not found to be material to the patentability of the application. The proprietary document was filed in accordance to MPEP § 724. The petition fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(h) has been paid.

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